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1. AUSTRIAN DCM BOGNER DISCUSSED SOME DETAILS OF TITO-KREISKY MEETING WITH EMBASSY COUNSELOR YESTERDAY. SOME OF HIS ACCOUNT AT VARIENCE FROM THAT REPORTED IN PRESS.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH KARDELJ AND TITO SAID TO BE QTE THINKING OUT LOUD UNQTE ON BILATERAL MATTERS. BOGNER SAID ORIGINAL REQUEST CAME FROM AUSTRIAN SIDE AND WAS FOR KARDELJ-KREISKY ONLY AT A SITE AND TIME CONVENIENT TO YUGOSLAVS. ONLY BECAME EVIDENT IN DAYS JUST BEFORE MEETING THAT TITO WAS PREPARED TO BE PART OF SESSION. FEW PEOPLE IN AUSTRIAN GOVERNEMENT AWARE THAT MEETING WAS TO BE HELD FOR FEWER STILL KNEW OF EXACT TIMING.

3. KREISKY TRAVELLED COMPLETELY ALONE WITHOUT AIDES ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHT (JAT) FROM SWITZERLAND, AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEAVING HIS VACATION RESORT OF LECH. MEETING TO HAVE

BEGUN AT 3 P.M. DECEMBER 28 DELAYED TILL P.M. THAT EVENING BECAUSE KREISKY PLANE COULD NOT LAND IN LJUBLJANA AND HAD TO PUT DOWN IN ZAGREB. ACCORDING BOGNER, TITO WAS AT DINNER WHICH INCLUDED KREISKY AND AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA OTTO; ALONG WITH LUDVIGER, KRAJGER, BLAZEVIC, AND CROATIAN OSTOVIC WHO WAS DISPATCHED TO MEET KREISKY IN ZAGREB BUT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PART OF DINNER GROUP.

4. DINNER MEETING MOSTLY CONCERNED WITH BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY EXCHANGE OF MINISTERIAL LEVEL VISITS (LUDVIGER AND KUSTRAK APPARENTLY HAVE LONG-STANDING INVITATIONS FROM AUSTRIANS AND WILL TAKE THEM UP THIS YEAR) ALSO YUGOSLAVS PRESSED FOR AUSTRIAN COOPERATION IN JOINT VENTURES IN OHRE MARKETS. BOGNER DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER POST-DINNER PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN TITO AND KREISKY.

5. KREISKY MET NEXT DAY WITH KARDELJ TO DISCUSS SLOVENIAN MINORITY QUESTION. THIS SESSION DESCRIBED AS FREE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AND NOT NEGOTIATION. APPARENTLY NOTHING NEW ON SUBSTANCE BUT RATHER BOTH SIDES REITERATED THEIR POSITIONS ON AUSTRIAN CENSUS, WITH YUGOSLAVS EMPHASIZING CENSUS METHODOLOGY ITSELF NOT CONDUCIVE TO ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF MINORITIES, WHO RELUCTANT TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES PUBLICLY. AUSTRIANS APPARENTLY WILLING TO PERMIT LANGUAGE DESIGNATION TO BE ENTERED ON SEPARATE, UNSIGNED AND HENCE ANONYMOUS FORM, INSTEAD OF ON REGULAR CENSUS FORM. KARDELJ MADE POINT YUGOSLAVS NOT ACTIVELY INCITING SLOVENIAN MINORITY LEADERSHIP IN AUSTRIA BUT SAID YUGOSLAVIA COULD NOT TAKE ANY POSITION "LESS ACTIVE" THAN THAT TAKEN BY CARINTHIAN SLOVENIANS THEMSELVES.

6. ON ANOTHER MATTER, BOGNER STATED NEW AUSTRIAN LAW REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF YUGOSLAV WORKERS PRIOR TO GAINING EMPLOYMENT IN AUSTRIA COULD BE GRANTED (REPORTED IN TANJUG 5 JANUARY) WAS QUESTION OF AUSTRIA NOW DOING SOMETHING IT DESIRED TO DO FOR MANY YEARS TO STEM FLOW OF ILLEGALLY ENTERING YUGOSLAV GUEST WORKERS. IN YEARS OF ECONOMIC BOOM IN WESTERN EUROPE AND AUSTRIA, TOURIST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES OFTEN NEEDED LARGE NUMBERS OF WORKERS ON SHORT NOTICE. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS POLITICALLY DIFFICULT DOMESTICALLY FOR AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO PASS LEGISLATION RESTRICTING ENTRY OF WORKERS. NOW THAT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FLATTER, AUSTRIA TAKING OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY GUEST WORKERS SITUATION FOR WHICH NO LAW BUT ONLY REGULATION (VERORDNUNG) HAD BEEN IN FORCE SINCE 1930'S.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AUSTRIANS SAY NOTHING DRAMATIC OCCURRED
ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE DURING TALKS, THEY STRESS THAT ATMOSPHERICS
WERE EXCEEDINGLY POSITIVE AND THIS FACT ITSELF IS A
SUBSTANTIVE MOVE FORWARD IN AUSTRO-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS.
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